

of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 to acquire and operate the Cimarron Valley and the Manter Branches, including overhead trackage rights, from The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company ("Santa Fe") as follows: (1) 151.04 miles of the Cimarron Valley Branch extending from East Ensign, KS, at milepost 3.76, to east of Boise City, OK, at milepost 154.80; (2) incidental overhead trackage rights to permit interchange on Santa Fe's C.V. Subdivision between milepost 154.80 and milepost 158.33, on Track No. 2 of Santa Fe's Boise City Subdivision between milepost 158.33 and milepost 159.74, and on Track Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Santa Fe's Boise City Yard near Boise City, OK; (3) 103.83 miles of the Manter Branch from Satanta, KS, at milepost 0.06 to east of Springfield, CO, at milepost 91.03 together with the Pritchett Industrial Spur from North Junction, north of Springfield, CO, at milepost 96.84, to near Pirtchett, CO, at milepost 109.70; and (4) incidental overhead trackage rights to permit interchange on Santa Fe's Manter Subdivision between milepost 91.03 and the west end of Santa Fe's Manter Subdivision at South Junction, CO, near milepost 95.00, and on Santa Fe's Boise City Subdivision between milepost 172.60 and milepost 174.40, and on the siding of Santa Fe's Boise City Subdivision at Springfield, CO.

Consummation was expected to occur on or shortly after February 23, 1996.

This proceeding is related to *David L. Durbano—Continuance in Control Exemption—Cimarron Valley Railroad, L.C.*, STB Finance Docket No. 32870, wherein David L. Durbano has concurrently filed a verified notice to continue to control CVR, upon its becoming a Class III rail carrier.

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) [formerly section 10505(d)] may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to reopen will not automatically stay the transaction. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32869, must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Walter T. Merrill, Durbano

& Associates, 3340 Harrison Boulevard, Suite 200, Ogden, UT 84403.

Decided: February 27, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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[STB Finance Docket No. 32870]

David L. Durbano—Continuance in Control Exemption—Cimarron Valley Railroad, L.C.

David L. Durbano (Applicant), a noncarrier, has filed a verified notice under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(2) to continue in control of Cimarron Valley Railroad, L.C. (CVR), upon CVR's becoming a Class III rail carrier. Consummation was expected to occur on or shortly after February 23, 1996.

CVR, a noncarrier, has concurrently filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.31 in *Cimarron Valley Railroad, L.C.—Exemption to Acquire and Operate—Cimarron Valley and Manter Branches of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company*, STB Finance Docket No. 32869, in which CVR seeks to acquire and operate 151.04 miles of the Cimarron Valley Branch rail line and 103.83 miles of the Manter Branch rail line both of which are owned by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company. CVR's acquisition of the rail lines was expected to have been consummated on or shortly after February 23, 1996.

Applicant controls four other Class III rail carriers: Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company, Inc. (WYCO); Oregon Eastern Railroad Company, Inc. (OER); Arizona Central Railroad, Inc. (AZCR); and Southwestern Railroad Company, Inc. (SWR).

The transaction is exempt from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. 11323 [formerly section 11343] because Applicant states that: (1) CVR, WYCO, OER, AZCR, and SWR will not connect with each other; (2) the continuance in control is not part of a series of anticipated transactions that would connect the railroads with each other; and (3) the transaction does not involve a Class I carrier.

¹ The ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-88, 109 Stat. 803, which was enacted on December 29, 1995, and took effect on January 1, 1996, abolished the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11323.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees adversely affected by the transaction will be protected under *New York Doc Ry.—Control—Brooklyn Eastern Dist.*, 360 I.C.C. 60 (1979).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to reopen the proceeding to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) [formerly section 10505(d)] may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to reopen will not automatically stay the transaction. An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 32870, must be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Surface Transportation Board, Case Control Branch, 1201 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20423. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on Walter T. Merrill, Durbano & Associates, 3340 Harrison Boulevard, Suite 200, Ogden, UT 84403.

Decided: February 27, 1996.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs' notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, authorized by P.L. 103-446, to be held from March 11, 1996 to March 13, 1996, is hereby canceled. The notice appeared in the Federal Register on February 14, 1996, Vol. 61, No. 31, page 5837.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Anthony T. Hawkins, Associate Director, Center for Minority Veterans, (phone 202-273-6708).

Dated: February 26, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary:

Heyward Bannister,

Committee Management Officer.

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Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) as amended, by section 5(c) of Public Law 94-409 that a meeting of the

Commission (ICC) and transferred certain functions to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). This notice relates to functions that are subject to Board jurisdiction pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10901.